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David M. Ruddy (appl. SN 09/146,120)
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Cardiac Arrhythmogenic Sites

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Application for reissue of the above-identified utility patent, namely U.S. Patent No. 5,551,427 granted September 3, 1996. Included are the following items:

1. Application Text.

Text, including 19 pages of specification, 6 pages of claims including 4 pages of claims in the original application (cancelled in this application) and 2 pages of new claims, and 1 page of abstract.

2. Drawings.

Sixteen sheets of drawings, copied from the original patent, are enclosed.

Please transfer to this Reissue Application the formal drawings from the application from which the original patent issued, namely U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/387,257, filed February 13, 1995.

3. Declaration.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages) signed by the reissue applicant, Mr. Peter A. Altman, is enclosed.

The PTO did not receive the following (s)(m) item(s) *POC TCR*

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4. Surrender of Patent.

As noted in the Declaration, the original Certificate of U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,551,427 has been surrendered in Reissue Application Serial No. 09/146,120, filed September 1, 1998 for the reissue of said U.S. Patent No. 5,551,427.

5. Assignment.

This application has not been assigned. Mr. Altman is the owner of the original patent and also is the reissue applicant.

6. Amendment.

Enclosed is a preliminary amendment regarding a proposed change to the title of the application, a reference to Reissue Application Serial No. 09/146,120, and new claims 27-31.

7. Small Entity Status.

The applicant established small entity status in connection with the original patent, and in connection with reissue of application Serial No. 09/146,120. Small entity status remains in effect for the present application.

8. Fee.

The filing fee for this application is determined as follows:

Basic Fee:	\$ 370.00
Excess Claims: None	0.00
Independent Claims: 5 (2 extra x \$42.00)	<u>84.00</u>
Total:	\$454.00

A check in the amount of \$454.00 is enclosed in payment of the filing fee.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any further fees necessitated by this filing, or to refund any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 12-0449.

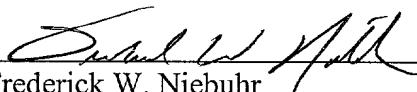
9. Return Receipt Postcard:

A self-addressed Return Receipt postcard is enclosed.

Questions or comments regarding this filing can be directed to Frederick W. Niebuhr at the address and telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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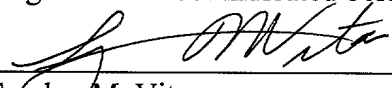
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